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Questions and Answers to Bar Examinations—By T. B. Benson, of the Editorial Staff of the Michie Publishing Company, and associate editor of the Va. Law Reg. Sold by Anderson Bros., Booksellers and Publishers, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va. Price \$2.00 Post Paid. The Michie Company, Publishers, Charlottesville, Va.

This volume, prepared by our associate editor, is a continuation of the work reviewed in the Law Register, vol. 16, p. 160 and vol. 19, p. 80. It answers the questions asked at the last six Virginia State Bar Examinations, from June, 1913 to December, 1915, and puts them in such shape as to make them valuable to the student, and not only to the student but to the practitioner as well.

The scope of the Bar examinations within the last five or six years has been very much changed and broadened and to have a handy help like this must necessarily be of great assistance to those who have to stand the examination under the new system. The work is well done, accurate and concise, and we commend it not only to the student who has not had the advantage of a University law course, but also to those who have graduated and who need to refresh their University knowledge. The practitioner will find it of value in reference to late cases and in freshening up his knowledge of law.

Federal Employers' Liability Act—Practitioner's Manual. Digest of Decisions under Act. Judicial Law in Language of Court Interpretations. Forms of Pleading under Requirements of Act. Safety Appliance and Hours of Service Acts. By John A. Walgren, of the Chicago Bar, Associate Editor of Illinois Annotated Statutes and Continental Legal History Series. Chicago. T. H. Flood & Co., Publishers. 1916. Price \$2.00.

We have seldom seen a little volume which pleased us more than this. It is exactly what it claims to be—"a practitioner's manual," and in the most concise, clear and admirable shape, gives the acts and the judicial law in language of court interpretations, alphabetically arranged, with black type, calling attention to the chief headings, and with most excellent forms at the end of the volume. It enables one in a very brief space of time to find a reference to every decision up to date upon this important and growing source of litigation. It is a book a lawyer engaged in damage suits should keep right on his desk, and we are afraid to say much more in commendation of the work, lest we may be accused of hyperbole.

The Lawyers Reports Annotated 1916a—Burdett A. Rich, Henry P. Farnham and George H. Parmalee, Editors, Assisted by the Publishers' Editorial Staff. The Lawyers' Coöperative Publishers Company. Rochester. Price \$5.00.

If it were possible to improve this splendid set of reports the editors and publishers have certainly done it in this volume, and promise to continue it in the same shape. By the use of a better and thinner paper the volume has been extended to thirteen hundred pages, exclusive of index and tables; the type is larger, the date

is given for all cases cited—a most important and excellent feature—the jurisdictions are distinguished by black letter, and the title of annotations is made in bold type across the page, whilst the scheme is elaborated in black letter type. Every syllabus is indexed in the usual L. R. A. style. The book will take up so much less shelf room, is so much easier to handle and the subjects are so much easier to find that we feel it a pleasure as well as a duty to refer to these improvements in the mere mechanical execution of the book.

We find the usual number of excellently selected cases, well annotated. We have had occasion to examine with some interest an important annotation on page 355 as to “What constitutes ‘serious and willful misconduct’ within the meaning of the Compensation Act,” and in connection with the same Act, on page 23 a note covers 250 pages, and we observe that this new and important statute is referred to in several annotated cases in this volume, so that one can find practically all the law up to date on the subject. We think that the present volume excels all of the preceding ones, and that is a very high compliment.

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